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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 October 2000.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

 * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

 a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hirai (US20010019659)

Regarding claims 1 and 13 Hirai shows a

A data recording apparatus that records data in a file having a predetermined volume (p.3 ll. 57-58) comprising:

Size detecting means 30 in fig.6 for deciding when data is sequentially recorded in a file, whether the next unit of data to be recorded can be fully recorded in the same file or not

File creation controlling means 30 in fig. 6 for recording next data to be recorded in another file or stopping recording if the case where the result of the decision by the size

detecting means 39 in fig.6shows recording is not possible

File writing means 37 shown in fig. 6 for writing data in a file according to the control form the file creation controlling means

Regarding claims 2,7 and 10 a data recording apparatus comprising;

Detecting means39 in fig. 6 for detecting a change of a property attached to the data

Fig. 6 shows file recording controlling means 34 for recording data on a plurality of files or stopping recording according to a change in property

File writing means 37 shown in fig. 6 for writing data in a file according to the control form the file creation controlling means

Regarding claims 3,8 and 11 a data recording apparatus wherein the property is image mode information

File recording controlling means 34, shown in fig. 6 records data by switching to another file as a file in which said data is to be recorded or stops recording when the content of said image mode information changes

Regarding claims 4, 9, ad 12 a data recording apparatus where the property is voice mode information

File recording controlling means 34, shown in fig.6 records data by switching to another file as a file in which said data is to be recorded or stops recording when the content of said voice mode information changes

Regarding claim 5 a data recording apparatus wherein the property is copyright information

File recording controlling means 34 shown in fig. 6 records data by switching to another file as a file in which said data is to be recorded or stops recording when the content of said copyright information changes

Regarding claim 6 Hirai shows a data recording apparatus wherein said copyright information means at least COPY FREE, COPY ONCE or COPY NEVER or COPY NO MORE of said data and in the case of COPY ONCE the copyright information is rewritten as a prohibition of reproduction before data recording (p.4 ll. 6-9).

Regarding claims 14 and 15, Hirai shows a medium carrying a program/ data to make a computer execute some of the functions of the data recording apparatus and an information package that is the program/data to make the computer execute the functions of the data recording apparatus in fig. 3 (p. 3 ll. 1-6)

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

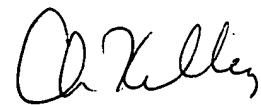
Park (USRE37052)

Hirata (US6052242)

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alicia M Duggins whose telephone number is (703)305-5621. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Kelley can be reached on (703)305-4856. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703)308-5391.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)305-3900.



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